



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
November 30, 2025**



WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshiping with us in-person or online, you are welcome here.

Information about our church is found in the narthex or online: **eastminsterchurch.org**. At the welcome table or on our website, you can sign up for our weekly emails.



Children are always welcome in worship at Eastminster. Your child can sit with you in the pew or sit in the space created for children at the front of the sanctuary.

There are welcome pads on the end of each pew. We invite you to sign in! On the welcome pads are prayer cards. If you have a prayer request you can fill that out and put it in the plate during the offering. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it

confidential.

There is an offering time during the worship service. You can also give online on our website or by using the QR code at the end of the bulletin.

This is a livestream worship service, and the camera and microphones are on the whole time. While the camera is most often focused on the front of the sanctuary, there is a chance that you will be captured on camera.

** Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*
Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
November 30, 202510:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

One: On Sundays and Mondays,

ALL: on good days and bad days,

One: early in the morning and very late at night,

***ALL: here in this room, and out in the world,
God, we long for you to break in.***

One: Meet us in this space.

ALL: Surprise us with your presence.

One: Fill this room with your good news.

ALL: With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Song #103** Come Now, O Prince of Peace (2x)

Come now, O Prince of Peace;

make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus;

reconcile all people.

Candle Lighting

People of God,

Live in the hope of the Lord.

Repeat as prompted by the worship leader.

***Hymn #88** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1,2,4,6,7)

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Ever-present God,

we long to feel you close.

We long to feel your presence in our lives.

We long for you to break through the chaos and suffering of this world.

However, if we're honest, we rarely stand still long enough to feel you in our midst.

Forgive our rushing and distractions.

Forgive our wandering hearts, and center us in this space.

Remind us that even in the time of Herod,

even on the longest nights, you are always there. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Words of Forgiveness**

Family of faith...Hear and believe the good news this Advent season:

Nothing can keep God's love away.

We are seen. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Amen.

***Sung Response #132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

Good Christian friends, rejoice

with heart and soul and voice;

now ye need not fear the grave:

Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all

to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save!

Christ was born to save!

***Passing of the Peace**

(Share the peace of Christ with the people around you.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:55-57 Old Testament, p. 721

Scripture Reading Luke 1:5-13 New Testament, pp. 52-53

Sermon In the time of Herod, we long for God to break in

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith**

We have seen the valley.

We have seen a sky without stars.

*We have seen the longest night,
and still we believe.*

We believe in a with-us God.

We believe in the hope of tomorrow.

We believe that good news is louder than fear.

We believe this good news is for all people.

*So even when our knees shake,
even when our voice trembles,
even when fear is all around us,
we will hold onto that good news.*

We will reach for each other.

We will look for God in our midst.

We will sing songs of joy.

We will proclaim:

Unto us, love is born.

*We have seen the longest night,
and we have seen unimaginable love.*

So still, we believe.

Amen.

Offering of Resources and Prayer

Financial offerings support the ministry and mission of Eastminster Presbyterian. You can also place prayer requests (cards are in the pew pads) in the offering plate.

*Doxology #654 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

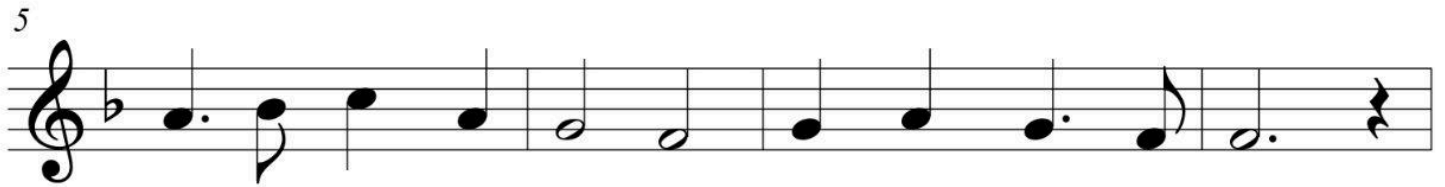
*Hymn In the Time of Herod

Words by Anna Strickland, 2025

Music by Gustav Holst, 1906



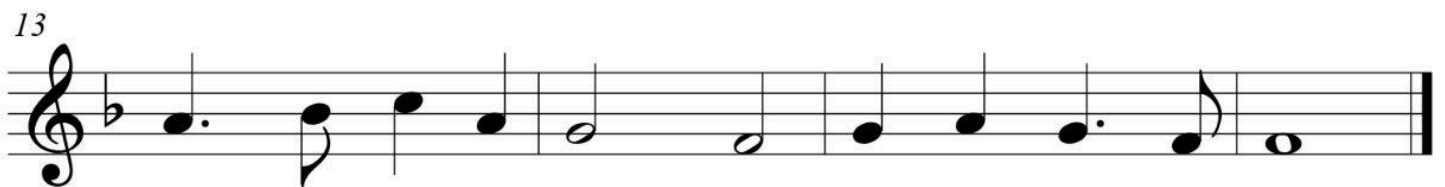
In the time of Her - od, fear had ta - ken hold
Thick as fog the fear grew, slow - ly creep - ing in
Pierc - ing through the stra - tus comes the an - gels' song
In the time of Her - od, fear has ta - ken hold



Hope was bur - ied deep and hid - den, rare as gold
Day by day the peo - ple bent and drew with - in
"Do not fear!" rings hol - low when we've feared so long
Still we share a long - ing for a glimpse of hope



Or - di - na - ry peo - ple dared not speak a - loud
With the clouds so hea - vy, who could see the stars?
Still in the re - cess - es of our wea - ry souls
Or - di - na - ry peo - ple shout the truth we trust:



Dreams of the Mes - si - ah break - ing through the clouds
Hope - less - ness had trapped them, strong as pris - on bars
Some - thing is a - wak - ened— could it be our hope?
God will stop at no - thing to be here with us

*Charge & Benediction

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Mike Brown

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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Usher

Head Usher: Estelle McGroarty

Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

Greeter

Mary Harvey

Video Producer

Linda Hardenbergh

Fellowship

Jeff Lapinski

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble

Pastor

Rev. Shirley Paxton

Parish Advisor

Neil Myer

Director of Christian Education

Bridgette Redman

Office Administrator

Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

Pianist

This Week at Eastminster: Nov. 30-Dec. 7

SUNDAY, 11/30 First Sunday of Advent

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 12/1

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 12/2

Presbytery Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Chorale Ensemble	11:00 a.m.
Infrastructure	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 12/3

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Lansing Matinee Musicale Concert	11:00 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 12/4

Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, 12/7 Second Sunday of Advent

Worship	10:00 a.m.
All-Church Lunch and Youth Gathering	11:00 a.m.
Capital City Bell Ringers Concert	7 p.m.

Bridgette will be out of the office on vacation Dec. 1, 3-4.

Donations for Greater Lansing Food Bank

We will collect monetary donations for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. You can mark your envelope "food bank" or give online. On Eastminster's give page, scroll down to the "Greater Lansing Food Bank" option.

Tickets Available for MSU Concert

The MSU College of Music presents *Alegría Navideña (Christmas Joy)*, a festive holiday concert that brings the spirit of the season to life through music sung in Spanish. Saturday, December 6 | 7:30 p.m. | Wharton Center A limited number of free tickets are available in the church office on a first-come/first-served basis.

All-Church Lunch

Join us on Dec. 7 for an all-church potluck lunch. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can bring food.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

Christmas Eve
December 24th at 5pm

- Sunday worship at 10am - Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21
- Hanging of the Greens - Nov. 30 after worship
- All Church Lunch - Dec. 7 after worship
- Capital City Ringers Concert- December 7 at 7pm
- Advent Craft - Dec. 14 after worship
- Children's Christmas Activities - Dec. 20 from 5-8pm
- Youth Lock-in - Dec. 20-21st
- All Church Breakfast - Dec. 21st at 9am



A graphic for the Capital City Ringers concert. It features two large, golden bells with holly leaves and berries. The background is a green and white striped pattern with yellow stars. The text "CAPITAL CITY RINGERS" is in large, bold, yellow letters, and "present" is in smaller, italicized, yellow letters below it.

**Retro
Holiday
Spectacular**

December 7
7:00pm

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Church Directories

New directories are available in the Narthex. If you would like a copy emailed to you, email Bridgette in the office and she will send you one.

Advent Devotionals

You can pick up an Advent Devotional and an Advent calendar in the narthex.



Scan the QR code with your phone to donate online to Eastminster Presbyterian Church and its ongoing ministries.

You can also give via Venmo @EastminsterEL-Church

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